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FEMA/STATE OPENS DISASTER RECOVERY CENTERS IN COUNTIES RECENTLY ADDED TO DISASTER DECLARATION

Opportunity to meet face-to-face with disaster program specialists

MADISON, WI — State and federal disaster recovery officials announced that Disaster Recovery Centers will open in Adams, Green Lake and Vernon Counties on Tuesday, July 6, at 10 a.m. and Crawford County on Wednesday, July 7, at 10 a.m. to serve victims of the severe storms, flooding and tornadoes that began May 19, 2004.

Disaster Recovery Centers opening on Tuesday, July 6:

Adams County (Friendship, WI)

Adams County Courthouse, 402 Main Street

Hours of operation: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Closes: COB Saturday, July 10

Green Lake County (Berlin, WI)

Berlin High School, 222 Memorial Drive

Hours of operation: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Closes: COB Saturday, July 10

Vernon County (Viroqua, WI)

Erlandson Office Building (Basement of Conference Center), E7410 County Road BB

Hours of operation: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Closes: COB Saturday, July 10

Disaster Recovery Centers opening on Wednesday, July 7:

Crawford County (Prairie du Chien, WI)

Prairie du Chien Township Hall (Across from Cabela's), 33890 State Highway 35

Hours of operation: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Closes: COB Saturday, July 10

Disaster Recovery Center currently open:

Ozaukee County (Port Washington, WI)

Auditorium in the Ozaukee County Administration Bldg., 121 West Main Street

Hours of operation: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Closes: COB Tuesday, July 6

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People who have suffered damage to their home, apartment or business and live or work in any of the 44 Wisconsin counties declared disasters are urged to apply for assistance by calling **1-800-621-FEMA (3362)**. The special number for those with hearing or speech impairment is **TTY 1-800-462-7585**. Phone lines are open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily, until further notice.

After individuals have applied by phone, they may visit a center to meet face-to-face with recovery specialists to ask any questions and receive more specific information on federal, state and voluntary agency recovery programs. Applicants may check on the status of their applications at the disaster recovery centers or they may call the FEMA Helpline at the same numbers listed above.

U. S. Small Business Administration (SBA) staff will be available at the centers to assist victims with low-interest disaster loan applications. Additional personnel at the centers can provide disaster housing information, technical assistance on how to reduce future disaster damages, and referrals to other federal and state assistance programs. Even those who did not experience damage during this weather event, can visit the centers to learn about cost-effective measures for reducing the risk of damage in future severe storms and flooding.

On March 1, 2003, FEMA became part of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. FEMA's continuing mission within the new department is to lead the effort to prepare the nation for all hazards and effectively manage federal response and recovery efforts following any national incident. FEMA also initiates proactive mitigation activities, trains first responders, and manages Citizen Corps, the National Flood Insurance Program and the U.S. Fire Administration.

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